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ABSTRACT

The 4-1-4 or the interim term is used by an increasing number of colleges and universities in an effort to enrich or rejuvenate their educational program by providing a special new kind of learning experience for the entire college community. Generally a brief period between semesters or quarters, the interim term can take several forms: (1) it can have a program built around a single theme; (2) it can have different themes for each class; (3) it can have a special program for freshmen and varied programs for others; (4) it can place primary emphasis on independent study; or (5) it can be a combination course - independent study program; This digest lists all the colleges (for which information was available) that have adopted or are considering an interim term, and the colleges following each of the different approaches to the interim term. A brief bibliography of articles and papers on the interim term is included. (AF)

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AN INTERIM TERM DIGEST

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INTRODUCTION

This Digest is the result of a first step in reviewing interim term materials which have been collected by my office during the past year. We are grateful to those who responded to our request for materials and information about their institution's interim term and 4-1-4 calendar and to an even larger number who completed the questionnaire circulated by Clark Bouwman of Florida Presbyterian.

In this booklet we have accomplished our initial objective of providing those interested in learning more about present interim term programs with (1) a list of all of the colleges, known to us, which have adopted or are considering an interim term, and (2) lists of colleges engaged in each of several different approaches to the interim term. These lists should enable you to make contacts with those schools whose programs are of special interest to you.

In essence, this booklet is a skeleton which will be filled in as we have time to more thoroughly study the materials already received, and as you send additional materials to us. The booklet has been prepared in a form that can easily be revised and expanded, and compilation of lists of colleges with particular interim term characteristics will continue. These lists will attempt to answer such questions as: What are the various grading systems in use in the Interim Term? Which colleges offer courses that can be used to fulfill distribution or major requirements? Which schools prescribe a certain mix of courses (major, outside major, independent study, off-campus experience, etc.)? Which colleges provide special financing for interim term activities?

We have attempted, in this first edition, to indicate some distinctive characteristics after the names of a few schools. Those of you who represent colleges with interim terms can help us increase the knowledge which other colleges have about your interim term by:

(1) Notifying us of any corrections needed in the information listed about your college. (A return postcard is enclosed for this purpose.)

Is the name of the contact person and the date of interim term initiation correct? Should your institution be removed from the "interested" list or added to the "decided" list? Has your institution been appropriately classified as to type of interim term? (Not all of the colleges on the master list have been categorized as to type of interim term. In some instances the information on hand was not sufficient to make a classification.)

(2) Providing us with a list of the characteristics of your interim and regular terms which you feel would be of greatest interest to colleges in the preliminary stages of interim term development or consideration.

(3) Sending us your 1970 interim term catalog and any documents which describe your interim term and its goals, evaluate previous interim terms, or summarize the committee or faculty study which led to adopting or rejecting an interim term or 4-1-4 calendar. (A return

manila envelope is enclosed for the forwarding of these materials.)

(4) Indicating types of information which are most frequently requested in letters to you about your interim term program.

We would also appreciate receiving names of interim term colleges not on our list.

Your cooperation in correcting and up-dating the information in the Digest and forwarding materials about your interim term and overall calendar should be very helpful to the increasing number of colleges and universities which are planning or considering calendar-curriculum changes.

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THE INTERIM TERM

The first interim term program was adopted at Florida Presbyterian College in 1960-61 as a part of its first year of operation. John Bevan, Florida Presbyterian's academic dean at that time, in the Summer 1969 issue of the Library-College Journal, credits the planners of New College in Massachusetts (which has since evolved into Hampshire College) for the interim term concept. At the same time, and independent of either the Florida Presbyterian or New College ideas, Colby College in Maine was planning an interim term which began in the academic year 1961-62 as a result of faculty discussions which started in 1958.

FPC and Colby began interim terms primarily for the benefits obtained from an intensive period of independent study. The freshman year focuses on the development of research skills and attitudes necessary for working independently, and subsequent years provide increasing freedom for students to develop their own independent study projects. The interim period is also viewed as a time for faculty study and research. Smith College attempted a less structured program during the Januarys of 1962, 63, and 64, following which it discontinued the program.

For the academic year 1963-64, Gustavus Adolphus College and Macalester College, both in Minnesota, adopted a 4-1-4 calendar and an interim term with distinct differences from those of FPC and Colby. These colleges were interested in an interim program which provided a special kind of experience for the faculty as well as the students, an experience which would have a greater degree of transferability to the course oriented structure of the regular terms than would a program based totally on independent study. While options for independent study are available, emphasis is placed on the development of group projects or courses which are characterized by more individual freedom and student responsibility, a more flexible approach to the teaching-learning process, and a more extensive use of off-campus resources than usually occurs during the regular semester. Macalester permits only group and individual projects which do not duplicate courses offered during the regular semesters. The focus in this interim term format is upon students and faculty concentrating together, with a fresh approach, on a single new topic. Macalester and Gustavus also established the "course unit" interpretation of the 4 part of the 4-1-4. Previously this figure had represented the number of months in the two regular terms. At these two institutions the curriculum was revised into course units, with each student taking four courses per term.

As is indicated in the lists that follow, approximately 140 additional colleges have adopted the interim term idea since 1964. Within this number several different approaches to the January period had developed, depending on the particular goals of the institution involved. The most frequently adopted model is the one which provides a framework similar to that of the regular semester, but emphasizes intensified study on single topics and encourages flexibility and experimentation with the learning process, with the hope that successful experience will effect both teacher and student behavior in subsequent regular terms. In addition, many colleges are emphasizing off-campus experiences of a vocational, social service, or international nature.

Broadly defined, interim terms vary in length from several days to six or seven weeks. In an instance or two, the term is divided into two parts, or a student may take two courses. A few colleges have applied the interim concept to the month of May, stressing off-campus experiences which extend into the summer. A small number of others are using a quarter system with an interim term before Christmas. Moreover, not all colleges with an interim term have a course unit curriculum during the regular terms. In many cases the 4 still represents "months" rather than "courses." A large number of colleges have adopted the interim term first with plans to revise the regular curriculum into course units at a later date.

Regardless of the variations in position, length, and approach, however, the 4-1-4 or the interim term, with its labels of intersession, interterm, mini-semester, Jan plan, winter term, and others, most frequently refers to the efforts which an increasing number of colleges and universities are making to enrich or rejuvinate their educational program by providing a special new kind of learning experience for the entire college community during the month of January.

LIST OF JANUARY INTERIM TERM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

ALBRIGHT COLLEGE (68-69)*
Reading, Pennsylvania 19604
Dean Robert E. McBride**

ALFRED UNIVERSITY (70-71)
Alfred, New York 14802

ANDERSON COLLEGE (70-71)
Anderson, Indiana 46011
Dean Robert A. Nichalson

ARKANSAS COLLEGE (69-70)
Batesville, Arkansas 72501
Dean Roberta D. Brown

AUGUSTANA COLLEGE (70-71)
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57102
Mr. O.S. Sigurdson

AUSTIN COLLEGE (67-68)
Sherman, Texas 75090
Dean Dan T. Bedsole

BAKER UNIVERSITY (68-69)
Baldwin, Kansas 66006
Dean Benjamin A. Bessner

BARRINGTON COLLEGE (67-68)
Barrington, Rhode Island 02806
Dean Louis E. Caister

BETHANY COLLEGE (67-68)
Lindsborg, Kansas 67456
Dean Floyd C. Foerster

BETHANY COLLEGE (67-68)
Bethany, West Virginia 26032
Dr. Albert DeVaul

BETHEL COLLEGE (68-69)
Mishawaka, Indiana 46544

BETHEL COLLEGE (69-70)
North Newton, Kansas 67117
Dean William Keeney

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE (68-69)
Birmingham, Alabama 35204
Dean Cecil Abernethy

BLUFFTON COLLEGE (66-67)
Bluffton, Ohio 45817
Mr. Donald L. Pannabecker

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY (69-70)
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania 17837
Mr. John W. Tilton

CALLISON COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC (67-68)
Stockton, California 95204
Dr. Douglas Moore

CALVIN COLLEGE (67-68)
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506
Dean John Van den Berg

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY (68-69)
Columbus, Ohio 43209

* Academic year of interim term initiation.

** Name of interim term contact person.

CARROLL COLLEGE (70-71)
Helena, Montana 59601
Dean J. D. Harrington

CARROLL COLLEGE (66-67)
Waukesha, Wisconsin 53186
Dean Morris N. Spencer

CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY (69-70)
Cleveland, Ohio 44106
Mr. C. M. Vernon

CENTRE COLLEGE OF KENTUCKY (67-68)
Danville, Kentucky 40422
Dean Charles E. Whittle

CLARK UNIVERSITY (65-66)
Worcester, Massachusetts 01610
Dean Robert F. Campbell

COLBY COLLEGE (61-62)
Waterville, Maine 04901
Dean E. Parker Johnson

COLGATE UNIVERSITY (64-65)
Hamilton, New York 13346
Dr. Robert V. Smith

COLLEGE OF EMPORIA (66-67)
Emporia, Kansas 66801

COLLEGE OF GREAT FALLS (68-69)
Great Falls, Montana 59401
Sister Mary Joanna Fink

COLLEGE OF IDAHO (66-67)
Caldwell, Idaho 83605
Mr. William H. Chalker

COLLEGE OF THE OZARKS (68-69)
Clarksville, Arkansas 72830
Dean Robert W. Dalke

COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC (U. OF THE PACIFIC) (70-71)
Stockton, California 95204
Dean William O. Binkley

COLLEGE OF ST. BENEDICT (67-68)
St. Joseph, Minnesota 56374
Sister Cathan Culhane

COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE (69-70)
St. Paul, Minnesota 55116
Miss Phyllis McAllister

COLLEGE OF ST. FRANCIS (69-70)
Joliet, Illinois 60435
Sister M. Claudia Zeller

COLLEGE OF ST. ROSE (70-71)
Albany, New York 12203

CONCORDIA COLLEGE
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53208
Dean Carl J. Stapf

CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE (68-69)
Canton, Missouri 63435
T. L. Pittenger

DAVIS AND ELKINS COLLEGE (69-70)
Elkins, West Virginia 26241
Dean T. R. Ross

DEFIANCE COLLEGE (67-68)
Defiance, Ohio 43512
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DENISON UNIVERSITY (70-71)
Granville, Ohio 43023
Dr. Andrew Sterrett

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Greencastle, Indiana 46135
Dean Dwight L. Ling

DOMINICAN COLLEGE (69-70)
Racine, Wisconsin 53402
Sister Lois Vanderbeke

DRURY COLLEGE (69-70)
Springfield, Missouri 65802
Robert L. Wilhoit

EASTERN NAZARENE COLLEGE (66-67)
Quincy, Massachusetts 02170
Dean Donald L. Young

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Madison, Wisconsin 53711
Sister Barbara Beyenka

EISENHOWER COLLEGE (68-69)
Seneca Falls, New York 13148

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Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania 17022
Dean Wayne L. Miller

ELMHURST COLLEGE (68-69)
Elmhurst, Illinois 60126
Dr. Robert J. Clark

ELON COLLEGE (68-69)
Elon College, North Carolina 27244
Dr. Theo Strum

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Due West, South Carolina 29639
Betty W. Berrios

FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE (60-61)
St. Petersburg, Florida 33733
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St. Louis, Missouri 63105

FORT WRIGHT COLLEGE (69-70)
Spokane, Washington 99204
Sister Jeanne Cocannon

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Greenville, South Carolina

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Georgetown, Kentucky 40324
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GREENVILLE COLLEGE (69-70)
Greenville, Illinois 62246

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE (63-64)
St. Peter, Minnesota 56082
Del Byron Schneider

HAMILTON COLLEGE (69-70)
Clinton, New York 13323
Dean Winton Tolles

HAMLINE UNIVERSITY (70-71)
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
Dean Charles Walker

HARFORD JUNIOR COLLEGE (70-71)
Bel Air, Maryland 21014
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HASTINGS COLLEGE (66-67)
Hastings, Nebraska 68701
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HOLLINS COLLEGE (67-68)
Hollins College, Virginia 24020
Dean John Wheeler

HUNTINGTON COLLEGE (69-70)
Huntington, Indiana 46750
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HURON COLLEGE (69-70)
Huron, South Dakota 57350
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ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (65-66)
Bloomington, Illinois 61701
Dean E. L. Walker

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Mt. Pleasant, Iowa 52641
Louis A. Haselmayer

JAMESTOWN COLLEGE (65-66)
Jamestown, North Dakota 58401
Dean William M. Westley

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Cleveland, Ohio 44118
Henry F. Birkenhauer

KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY (68-69)
Salina, Kansas 67401
President Paul W. Renich

KENDALL COLLEGE (69-70)
Evanston, Illinois 60204
Dean Robert Thompson

LAKELAND COLLEGE (63-64)
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081
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Jackson, Tennessee 38301
Dean W. H. Whybrew

LEWIS COLLEGE (68-69)
Lockport, Illinois 60441
Dean Joseph McFadden

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Lincoln University, Pennsylvania 19352
J. B. MacRae

LINDENWOOD COLLEGES (67-68)
St. Charles, Missouri 63301
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LUTHER COLLEGE (65-66)
Decorah, Iowa 52101
Dean John Linnell

MACALESTER COLLEGE (63-64)
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101
Jack L. Armstrong

MANCHESTER COLLEGE (69-70)
North Manchester, Indiana 46062
Dean Howard A. Book

MARY COLLEGE (69-70)
Bismark, North Dakota 58501
Dr. Harold J. Miller

MARYVILLE COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART (70-71)
St. Louis, Missouri 13550

MCPHERSON COLLEGE (67-68)
McPherson, Kansas 67460
Dean Merlin L. Frante

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE (68-69)
Middlebury, Vermont 05753
Dean G. Dennis O'Brien

MILLS COLLEGE (68-69)
Oakland, California 94613
Dean Mary Woods Bennett

MOORE COLLEGE OF ART (70-71)
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Dean Warren A. Wolf

MORAVIAN COLLEGE (68-69)
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018
Professor Jack R. Ridge

MOUNT MARTY COLLEGE (69-70)
Yankton, South Dakota 57078

MUSKINGUM COLLEGE (68-69)
New Concord, Ohio 43762
Dr. Howard B. Evans

NEWBERRY COLLEGE
Newberry, South Carolina 29108

NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE (70-71) or (71-72)
Henniker, New Hampshire 03242
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NORTH CAROLINA WESLEYAN COLLEGE (68-69)
Rocky Mountain, North Carolina 27801

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Tacoma, Washington 98447

PARK COLLEGE (68-69)
Parkville, Missouri 64152
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Ashland, Virginia 23005
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REED COLLEGE (68-69)
Portland, Oregon 97202

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Trenton, New Jersey 08602
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Salem, Virginia 24153
Dean Edward W. Lautenschlager

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Rockford, Illinois 61101
Dean G. M. Wattles

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Billings, Montana 59102
Dean Richard H. Ramsey

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Laurinburg, North Carolina 28352
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ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY (68-69)
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Collegeville, Minnesota 56321

ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (67-68)
Rensselaer, Indiana 47978
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St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana 47876

ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA (69-70)
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Dr. R. Alan Pollock

ST. OLAF COLLEGE (64-65)
Northfield, Minnesota 55057
Dean Howard Rose

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Chicago, Illinois 60655

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY (69-70)
Birmingham, Alabama 35209
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SIMPSON COLLEGE (68-69)
Indianola, Iowa 50125
Dean Joseph Walt

SKIDMORE COLLEGE (68-69)
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

SOUTHAMPTON COLLEGE (LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY) (69-70)
Southampton, New York 67156
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SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE (68-69)
Winfield, Kansas 67156
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STERLING COLLEGE (67-68)
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STETSON UNIVERSITY (65-66)
Deland, Florida 32720
Dean Eliot Allen

TABOR COLLEGE (67-68)
Hillsboro, Kansas 67063
Dean Abram G. Konrad

TARKIO COLLEGE (68-69)
Tarkio, Missouri 64491
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TAYLOR UNIVERSITY (68-69)
Upland, Indiana 46989
Dean Gordon G. Zimmerman

TENNESSEE WESLEYAN COLLEGE (70-71)
Athens, Tennessee 37303

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Seguin, Texas 78155
Warren Lussky

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Tacoma, Washington 98416
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Redlands, California 92373
Dean Marc J. Smith

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS (67-68)
Houston, Texas 77006
Dean W. Hogan

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN (GREEN BAY) (69-70)
Green Bay, Wisconsin 54302
William Schmidtke

WARTBURG SEMINARY (67-68)
Dubuque, Iowa 52001
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WELLS COLLEGE (69-70)
Aurora, New York 13026
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Westminister, Maryland 21157
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Le Mars, Iowa 51031
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Santa Barbara, California 93103
Edwin Potts

WHITMAN COLLEGE (68-69)
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Dean Kenyon A. Knopf

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Garland A. Haas

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Williamstown, Massachusetts 01067
Professor Guilford L. Spencer

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Dean Patrick Sowle

WOFFORD COLLEGE (67-68)
Spartanburg, South Carolina 29301
Dean Joe Lesesne

YANKTON COLLEGE (68-69)
Yankton, South Dakota 57078
Eugene Brinkmeyer

MAY HAVE AN INTERIM TERM;
ADOPTION HAS NOT BEEN CONFIRMED

FORDHAM COLLEGE
New York, N. Y. 10007

GRACELAND COLLEGE (possibly 70-71)
Lamoni, Iowa 50140
Dean Harold L. Conduit

HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY (69-70 on a limited basis)
Abilene, Texas 79601
Dr. Clyde T. Jetton

HESSTON JUNIOR COLLEGE
Hesston, Kansas 67062

KALAMAZOO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

LOMA LINDA UNIVERSITY
Loma Linda, California 92354

STEUBENVILLE COLLEGE
Steubenville, Ohio 43952

UNIVERSITY OF TULSA
Tulsa, Oklahoma 73104

COLLEGES CONSIDERING OR REPORTED AS CONSIDERING INTERIM TERM ADOPTION

The interest in an interim term program expressed by the colleges on this list ranges from those who may have adopted the plan by this time to those who have merely indicated that some of their faculty would like additional information about 4-1-4. In some cases the interim term idea may not have ever been given formal consideration or may have been rejected by now. A majority of the colleges on the list, however, have requested information from my office or have indicated interest by sending representatives to the Bluffton, Jamestown, Chicago, Moravian, or Florida Presbyterian conferences. Others were listed on the Bouwman questionnaire as considering the interim term as one new calendar-curriculum alternative. Information on changes or errors in this list will be welcomed.

Alvernia College

Amherst College

Asheville-Biltmore College (Jr.)

Augsburg College

Baptist College at Charleston

Beaver College

Bemidji State College

Bennett College

Berea College

Bethel College (Minn.)

Bowie State College

Briarcliff College

Cardinal Stritch College

The Catholic University of America

Centenary College (La.)

Central State University

Chatham College

Coe College

College of Notre Dame of Maryland

College of St. Mary of the Springs

College of St. Teresa

College of St. Thomas

College of William and Mary

College of Wooster

Colorado College

Concordia Senior College (Ind.)

Corbett College

Cornell College

The Creighton University

C. W. Post College

Dakota Wesleyan University

Dickinson College

Donnelly College

Drew University

Duquesne University

Emory and Henry College

Fordham College

Franklin and Marshall College

Franklin College

Frostburg State College

Geneva College

Gogebic Community College

Good Counsel College

Goshen College

Goucher College

Hiram College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Hope College

Immaculata College

Kansas State University

Lake City Junior College

Langston University

Le Moyne College (N. Y.)

Lenoir Rhyne College

Lincoln College (Ill.)

Loyola College (Md.)

Madonna College

Marietta College

Marian College

Marillac College

Marion College

Marymount College

Marymount Manhattan College

Massachusetts State College at Framingham

Memphis State University

Messiah College

Mid-Missouri Associated Colleges

Millikin University

Millsaps College

Milton College

Missouri Valley College

Molloy Catholic College for Women

Mount Mercy College

Mount Senario College

Mount Union College

Mundelein College

Nebraska Wesleyan University

New England College

New Hampshire College and University Council

North Carolina Wesleyan College

North Central College

Nyack Missionary College

Oakland University

Ouachita Baptist University

Pennsylvania Military College

Philander Smith College

Queens College (N. C.)

Randolph-Macon Woman's College

Rio Grande College

Rockhurst College

St. Ambrose College

St. Dominic College

St. Francis College (Me.)

St. Joseph College (Md.)

St. Lawrence University

St. Mary's College of Maryland

Salem College (N. C.)

Seton Hill College

Sioux Falls College

Southeastern Christian College

Southern Baptist College

Southwest Baptist College

Southwestern Union College

Stephen F. Austin State College

Stephens College

Stout State University

Susquehanna University

Theil College

Trinity University

Tusculum College

Union College (N. Y.)

University of Dubuque

University of Iowa

University of New Hampshire

University of Rhode Island

University of South Florida

University of Toledo

University of Virginia

University of Wyoming

Ursinus College

Valley City State College

Valparaiso University

Virginia Wesleyan College

Wabash College

Waynesburg College

Webster College

Western Washington State College

Westminster College (Mo.)

Westminster College (Pa.)

William Jewell College

Wittenberg University

York College of the City University of New York

VOLUNTARY PROGRAM

The voluntary enrollment approach to interim term permits optional participation by both students and faculty members.. Most of the programs are a combination of course and independent study opportunities.

The highest degree of student participation is achieved at institutions, such as Lindenwood, which charge tuition, room and board for the full year and do not give a refund for nonparticipation in Interim. Some colleges charge a special fee for interim term and offer regular courses or independent study credit as the incentive for participation; this pattern is receiving increasing attention from large universities, with Southern Methodist and Case-Western Reserve being the largest institutions to adopt an interim term to this point.

Other schools rely on the appeal of their program and on student interest in a special experience in January to produce enrollment; generally the participation approximates a fifth of the student body.

Colleges In This Category

ARKANSAS COLLEGE

BETHANY COLLEGE (W. VA.)
Instructors paid according to enrollment in their classes.

BETHEL COLLEGE (KAN.)

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

CASE-WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
A department may require one (and only one) interim term course as a part of a student's major; regular credit may be earned (up to three credits).

CLARK UNIVERSITY (MASS.)

FONTBONNE COLLEGE

KANSAS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

LEWIS COLLEGE

LINDENWOOD COLLEGES
Obtain approximately 95% participation.

PARK COLLEGE

ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY

UNION UNIVERSITY

WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

WHITMAN COLLEGE
Two-week-length discussion groups in January.

WINDHAM COLLEGE
Unusual courses, regular catalog courses for acceleration and make-up, travel.

SINGLE THEME PROGRAM

The most familiar model of the single theme program is the interim term at Bluffton College. At Bluffton, seminar classes, reading, informal discussions, written assignments, films, panels, extra curricular activities and field trips are organized around a central theme. All members of the campus community become students of this topic for the month. Often each day is initiated with a convocation speaker who is an expert on the topic; many of these speakers are individuals with national reputations. Topics in the past have been The City (1967), Freedom and Order (1968), and The Poor (1969). Although this approach has been very successful at Bluffton, the decision has been made to give juniors and seniors the option of engaging in independent study unrelated to the central theme.

Colleges In This Category

BLUFFTON COLLEGE
Juniors and seniors now have independent study option.

OWOSSO COLLEGE
Sub-themes, related to the major theme, are developed in the Humanities, Social Science and Natural Science divisions.

TABOR COLLEGE

SPRING ARBOR
Not a 4-1-4; has a special one-week all-college program at the beginning of the second semester.

DIFFERENT THEMES FOR EACH CLASS

A different theme for each class is a variation of the single theme approach which is being used by several colleges.

Colleges In This Category

BARRINGTON COLLEGE

Team taught interdisciplinary courses focusing on a common theme for each class.

IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Two-part (4-3) seven week interim term with one project in each part. Varying approach to each class. General education emphasis. College requires a social service experience of all students; senior year interim term may be used to fulfill this requirement.

STETSON UNIVERSITY

Freshmen and sophomores take interdisciplinary general education courses. Juniors and seniors engage in independent study or small seminars.

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY

Freshmen-World history requirement.
Juniors-Optional off-campus program.
Sophomores-Biblical literature.
Seniors-Departmental capstone course.

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR FRESHMEN, VARIED PROGRAM FOR OTHERS

A few colleges are using the interim term for a general education interdisciplinary course for freshmen; programs for upperclassmen are a combination course-independent study arrangement. Others have a set of several courses specifically designed for freshmen from which the student chooses a single course on which to concentrate.

Colleges In This Category

CALLISON COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC)
Freshmen do independent projects related to India. Entire sophomore year spent in India. Varied independent projects for juniors and seniors.

COLLEGE OF GREAT FALLS

HURON COLLEGE

JAMESTOWN COLLEGE

SIMPSON COLLEGE
Freshmen choose from a prescribed list of courses.

PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON INDEPENDENT STUDY

The interim term idea was initiated with an independent study emphasis at Florida Presbyterian (1960-61) and Colby (1961-62). Several other colleges have adopted this approach. Generally, the freshmen year emphasizes learning how to study independently, and students choose from a list of independent study topics submitted by the faculty. A similar arrangement exists for sophomores, although a second year student has the option of developing his own topic in consultation with a faculty member. Juniors and seniors formulate distinctive individual projects.

Colleges In This Category

BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN COLLEGE
Sophomores and juniors have the option of fulfilling interim term requirements in the summer.

CALLISON COLLEGE (UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC)
See "Special Program for Freshmen" list.

COLBY COLLEGE

COLLEGE OF SAINT FRANCIS (ILL.)

EISENHOWER COLLEGE

FLORIDA PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE

HOLLINS COLLEGE
Some departments may require senior year interim in major field.

OBERLIN COLLEGE

REED COLLEGE

COMBINATION COURSE-INDEPENDENT STUDY PROGRAM

The most widely adopted interim term pattern provides an opportunity for learning within either a course-type or independent study framework. The general philosophy related to this model is discussed in some detail in the Introduction. Because of the large number of schools represented in this category, the individual program objectives and variations within the general pattern are numerous. While the voluntary programs have been listed elsewhere, not all of the colleges below require an interim term for each academic year in residence. Most do, however, and the earliest schools to adopt an interim term established it as a required, integral part of their total curriculum. Some insist upon courses different from those offered during the regular term; others do not.

Variations in approach also include differences in: grading systems; emphasis on general education courses, independent study, and off-campus projects; regulations relative to divisional distribution of a student's four interim terms and the applicability of courses to various major and general graduation requirements; and faculty participation and compensation.

Colleges In This Category

ALFRED UNIVERSITY
3 of 4 interims required; courses different from those in regular term.

AUSTIN COLLEGE
Courses different from those in regular term.

BAKER UNIVERSITY

BETHANY COLLEGE (KAN.)
3 of 4 interims required.

CALVIN COLLEGE

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

CARROLL COLLEGE (WIS.)
Optional for juniors and seniors. Some emphasis on relationship of courses to a theme ("The Anatomy of Freedom," 1969).

CENTRE COLLEGE
4-2-4; six week term with 2 courses taken.

COLGATE UNIVERSITY
Faculty load is limited to six courses per year (3-0-3; 2-1-3; or 3-1-2).

COLLEGE OF IDAHO
A six week term in which a student takes one or two courses offered for regular credit. Independent study and field work emphasized.

COLLEGE OF ST. BENEDICT

COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE
Interims in first 3 years are required.

CULVER-STOCKTON COLLEGE
Regular credit courses; separate tuition charge.

DEFIANCE COLLEGE
3 of 4 interims required; freshmen participate in small groups which develop their own study topics, then invite a faculty member to serve as resource person; emphasis on process rather than content.

EASTERN NAZERENE COLLEGE
Emphasis on general education courses in freshman and sophomore years; experimentation with team teaching.

ELMHURST COLLEGE
2 of 4 interims required.

ERSKINE COLLEGE

FURMAN UNIVERSITY
12-8-12 (3-2-3); two four week terms during the middle 8 week period. Apparently students concentrate on one regular curriculum course in each of the four week terms.

GETTYSBURG COLLEGE

GREENVILLE COLLEGE

GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE
Mixture of unique and regular courses.

HAMILTON COLLEGE
To insure elective breadth as well as depth, in the first two years, the student elects projects in two different departments, in one of which he will have taken no courses at Hamilton. This regulation becomes effective for the class of 1973.

HUNTINGTON COLLEGE

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

LAKELAND COLLEGE
2 of 4 interims required.

THE LINCOLN UNIVERSITY (PA.)

LUTHER COLLEGE

MACALESTER COLLEGE
Freedom of course selection emphasized; no restrictions on four year pattern of interims.

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
Students in beginning language continue language study in addition to interim term course.

MORAVIAN COLLEGE
2 of 4 interims required.

MUSKINGUM COLLEGE
3 of 4 interims required.

NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE

RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE

RIDER COLLEGE

ROCKFORD COLLEGE
3 of 4 interims required; evening lectures, coffee hours, and panel discussions but not the entire program are related to a single theme.

ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY (MINN.)

ST. OLAF COLLEGE
Some college distribution requirements may be met thru interim term courses; many courses fulfill requirements in major.

ST. XAVIER COLLEGE

SAMFORD UNIVERSITY
Faculty participation is voluntary. Participation is rewarded by load reduction in regular semester or extra monetary compensation.

SIMPSON COLLEGE

SKIDMORE COLLEGE
No more than three courses may be taken in same department.

SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE
Seniors required to do independent projects.

TARKIO COLLEGE

UNIVERSITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

UNIVERSITY OF PUGET SOUND

UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS

WELLS COLLEGE
Combination of courses similar to those offered during regular semesters and distinctive projects, emphasizing field experience and independent or directed individual study.

WESTMAR COLLEGE

WHITWORTH COLLEGE

WILLIAMS COLLEGE
In either freshman or sophomore year student must enroll in a project in a field in which he has not previously studied. Junior or senior year, but not both, must be in major.

WOFFORD COLLEGE

Junior Colleges

HARFORD JUNIOR COLLEGE

HESSTON JUNIOR COLLEGE

KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

KENDALL COLLEGE

SHELDON JACKSON COLLEGE
Sitka, Alaska 99835

4-4-1 Or Similar Patterns

A number of colleges are experimenting with a "May Term " which provides unique opportunities for internships and study abroad that may be extended into the summer.

ELMIRA COLLEGE (12-12-6)

HANOVER COLLEGE (3-3-1)

IMMACULATE HEART COLLEGE (4-4-2)

NORTHLAND COLLEGE (4-4-1)

SAN LUIS REY COLLEGE (4-4-1)

WARTBURG COLLEGE (4-4-1)

WELLESLEY COLLEGE (13-13-6)

WESTERN COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (OHIO)
(12-12-6)

Pre-Christmas Interim Terms

KNOXVILLE COLLEGE (10-4-10-10)

MARYVILLE COLLEGE (TENN.) (10-4-10-10)

MERCYHURST COLLEGE (10-3-10-10)

WESTMONT COLLEGE

Colleges Which Have Discontinued Interim Terms *

SMITH COLLEGE

BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE

Colleges Which Have Given Thorough Consideration To Adoption Of The Interim Term But Have Rejected The Plan *

CARLETON COLLEGE

* Assistance is needed in identifying additional colleges in these categories.

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